

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

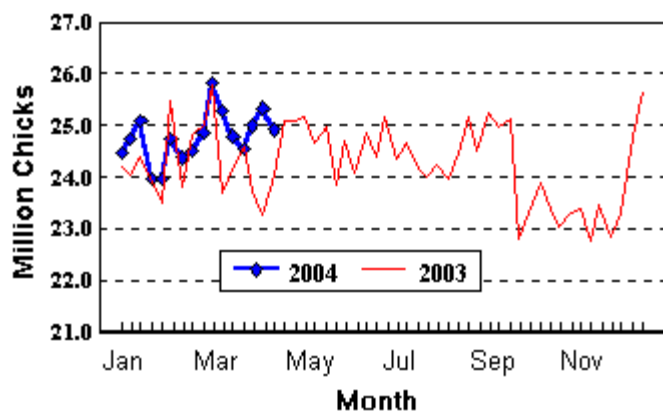
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending April 17, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 17, 2004 were 396.8 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

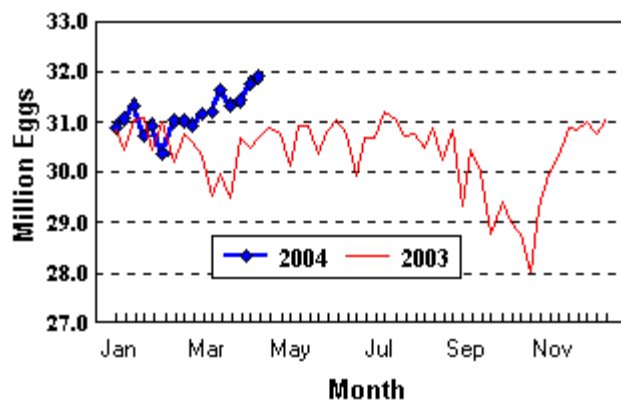
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 17, 2004, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 13	23,738	25,314	107	25,582	25,468	100	29,522	31,225	106
Mar. 20	24,175	24,832	103	25,419	25,561	101	29,982	31,636	106
Mar. 27	24,592	24,554	100	25,098	25,833	103	29,511	31,331	106
Apr. 3	23,750	25,018	105	24,422	25,848	106	30,672	31,453	103
Apr. 10	23,255	25,371	109	24,831	26,033	105	30,527	31,786	104
Apr. 17	24,054	24,924	104	24,651	25,899	105	30,670	31,899	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr		13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	
Alabama	30,238 *	30,354	30,392	30,883	110	21,839	22,282	21,787	21,846	21,649	21,798	104
ARKANSAS	31,331	31,453	31,786	31,899	104	25,314	24,832	24,554	25,018	25,371 *	24,924	104
Delaware	3,834	3,738	3,833 *	3,650	91	4,799	5,372	4,928	4,750	4,890 *	5,174	98
Florida	1,337	1,343	1,339	1,345	84	1,791	1,622	1,507	1,540	1,494	1,502	77
Georgia	32,685	32,159	33,150	33,291	104	26,331	26,135	25,683	26,963	25,446	25,137	102
Kentucky	7,095 *	7,249	6,722	7,281	115	5,957	5,632	5,760	5,801	5,760 *	5,990	112
Louisiana	3,787	3,877	3,966	3,981	108	3,605	3,957	3,870	3,778	4,043 *	3,430	100
Maryland	8,875	8,908	8,882	8,847	89	5,633	5,099	5,890	5,934	5,436 *	5,714	96
Mississippi	19,179	19,459	19,465 *	19,480	102	16,503	16,357	16,580	16,617	16,600 *	16,741	101
N. Carolina	18,746 *	19,033	19,277	19,070	99	15,145	14,689	14,615	15,120	15,060	15,076	100
Oklahoma	6,585	6,526	6,720	6,625	102	5,038	5,545	5,278	5,033	4,236	4,734	108
Pennsylvania	3,782 *	3,793 *	3,884 *	3,861	106	2,622	2,778	2,856 *	2,776 *	2,784 *	2,626	98
S. Carolina	3,781	3,392	3,783	3,768	82	3,721	4,097	4,714	4,179	4,526	4,367	103
Texas	15,382	15,421	15,359	15,346	101	12,329	12,403	12,413	12,504	12,529	12,666	102
Virginia	6,834	6,662	6,668	6,518	97	4,992	5,685	5,606	5,236	5,668	5,236	95
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,738	17,604	17,837	17,817	101	15,079	15,298	16,306	16,069	16,250	16,307	103
Total 2004	211,209 *	210,971 *	213,063 *	213,662		170,698	171,783	172,347 *	173,164 *	171,742 *	171,422	
Total 2003	205,114	210,077	210,423	208,865		167,457	169,357	169,739	167,995	169,177	168,183	
%Prev. Year	103	100	101	102		102	101	102	103	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	05-Jun	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending April 17, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 17, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 17, 2004 were 2.71 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.